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15. (New) Sealing arrangement (10,10') comprising first and second separate armature members (11,12), a sealing ring (13,13') interposed between said first and second armature members, and a clamping means (30) for clamping the armature members (11,12) against each other, said sealing ring (13,13') having a substantially T-shaped annular cross-section and including first and second sealing wings (15,16) extending in opposite axial directions, each with a radially outwards facing sealing face (15a,16a), and a central, rigid stem (14) between said sealing wings and extending radially outwards thereof, each of said sealing faces (15a,16a) being conically shaped to be supported against a radially surrounding, correspondingly conically shaped gliding and support face (21,25) in a corresponding armature member (11,12), each of said conical support faces (21,25) of said armature members (11,12) extending at a first, cone angle (a), the sealing face of each of said sealing wings (15,16) extending at a second, cone angle (b) greater than the cone angle (a) of the support faces of the armature member, prior to mounting, and after mounting extending at said first cone angle (a) to form a tight sealing abutment against its corresponding support face (21,25), wherein the entire rigid stem (14) and the first sealing wing (15) are seated in the first armature member (11), and the second sealing wing (16) is seated in the second armature member (12).

16. (New) The arrangement in accordance with claim 15, wherein in the first armature member (11), a first side face (14b) of the stem (14) is seated in an axially facing, outermost guide surface (20), an end face (14a) of the stem (14) is seated in a radially facing cylindrical, outermost lying support face (22), and the first sealing wing (15) of the sealing ring (13,13') is seated in the intermediate, stop-forming conical support face (21), and, in the second armature member (12), a second side face (14c) of the stem (14) is seated in an axially facing, outermost guide surface (24), and the second wing (16) of the sealing ring (13,13') is seated in the intermediate, stop-forming conical support face (25).

17. (New) The arrangement in accordance with claim 16, wherein a support face (22) extends continuously in axial direction and solely in one of the armature members (11,12), said support face (22) being arranged to provide a continuous gliding support for the support face (14a) of the stem (14) directly against said face (22).

18. (New) The arrangement in accordance with claim 16, wherein each sealing wing (15,16) has, in radial direction, a small cross-sectional dimension, increasing from a minimum at its outer end portion to a maximum at its inner end portion proximate the stem (14), and each sealing wing (15,16), in an axial direction, has a large cross-sectional dimension, to obtain support of the sealing wings (15,16) along a major area of the respective support faces (21,25), both

cross-sectional dimensions being relatively larger in respect of the cross-sectional dimensions of the stem (14), in axial as well as in radial direction to provide a rigid stem (14).

19. (New) The arrangement in accordance with claim 15, wherein the clamping means (30) comprises two radially directed mutually overlapping armature member portions (26,27) extending radially outside of the sealing ring (13,13'), and a controlled stop forming abutment between the armature member (11,12) formed by said armature member portions (26,27), supporting each other along mutually opposite conical support surfaces extending obliquely with respect to a central axis of the sealing arrangement.

20. (New) The arrangement in accordance with claim 18, wherein during use, controlled gliding movements in the sealing arrangement are provided by the combination of the oblique extension of said mutually overlapping, stop forming armature member portions (26,27) and said elastically deformable wings (15,16) of the sealing ring (13,13').

21. (New) The arrangement in accordance with claim 15, wherein each sealing face (15a, 16a) of said sealing ring (13,13') has the same axial extension as that of the associated sealing wing (15,16), each sealing face (15a, 16a) has a continuous, rectilinear extension in axial direction of the sealing wing (15,16), and each sealing wing (15a, 16a) tapers in axial direction from the stem (14)

15 and is elastically deformable in relation to the stem (14), in order to secure a controlled elastic deformation of the sealing wing (15,16).
